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Mr. James J. Rowley, Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

In accordance with the procedure agreed upon at the meeting of March 11, 1964, we have prepared the attached series of questions dealing with Secret Service protective activities during the Dallas trip. Although some of the questions are, in form, susceptible of a simple affirmative or negative response, the Commission would appreciate instead a reasoned response to each question, in reasonable detail, and with any substantiating materials as seem appropriate.

We are in the process of working out another set of more general questions regarding protection of the President, which I would hope to send to you shortly.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Enclosure

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d. Had the Secret Service ever suggested to a President that agents ride at all times on the running boards or rear steps of the Presidential car? Would this have constituted an important added safety factor?

e. What formal or informal instructions did the agents in the motorcade have regarding emergency procedures for a contingency such as that which actually occurred in Dallas?

f. Is it true that the response to the Dallas emergency developed on the spot without advance precautions such as having a doctor ride in the motorcade in a car close to the President, or having nearby hospitals on an alert status? Was it not dangerous to have taken the President and Vice President to the same location, particularly when there were closer sites of possibly greater safety to the Vice President such as the Dallas Police Headquarters?

g. At the time of the assassination, did the Secret Service have a policy with respect to the distribution of important persons throughout the vehicles of the motorcade?

h. To what extent did the Secret Service control or supervise the issuance of press credentials for the Texas trip and the Dallas visit?

4. <u>Supervision of Secret Service</u>

a. Describe the supervisory chain of command for the Secret Service in the Treasury Department at the time of the assassination. Did any of the individuals supervising the Secret Service have any technical qualifications in the area of, or associated with, Presidential protection?

b. Prior to Dallas, had either the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary discussed the appropriate relationship between the Secret Service and the President, with the President?

c. Prior to Dallas, had either the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary ever been asked by the Secret Service to intervene with the President to urge that a risk not be run?

d. Prior to Dallas, to what extent did the President and the White House staff direct the activities of the Secret Service by instructions to agents, rather than to their Treasury Department superiors?